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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Robert D. Gresham, et al.

EXAMINER: Michael G. Mendoza

SERIAL No.: 10/720,510

GROUP: Art Unit 3734

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TITLE: SHEATH INTRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD

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					x 185=	\$		x 370=	\$
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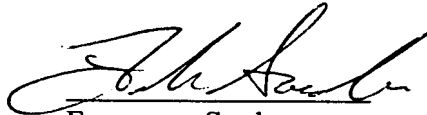
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AMENDMENT "B"

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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